BILL: F2018-SB1
TITLE: An Act to Increase Ski Lesson Accessibility
SPONSORS: William Kelley, Cook Senator; John Schurer, Sophomore Senator; Christian Kummer, First-Year Senator
DATE: November 11, 2018

Whereas, skiing and snowboarding are considered integral components of the history and culture of Middlebury College;

Whereas, skiing and snowboarding are sports that require expensive gear and costly instruction in order to participate;

Whereas, the current cost of PHED 0302 (Winter Term Ski Lessons) is $100.00, with an additional $100.00 cost for equipment rentals;

Whereas, the SGA does not currently provide financial aid for Winter Term P.E. credits;

Whereas, the Snow Bowl Ski School provides a safe and practical way for Middlebury students to share in the experience of skiing and snowboarding;

Whereas, it is the mission of the SGA to serve the entire student body, and therefore must make it a priority to allow each and every student access to the Middlebury experience;

Therefore, be it enacted…

That, the SGA shall allocate $2,500.00 to the Seizing Opportunities Fund, under the direction of Chief Diversity Officer Miguel Fernández. These funds will be used for the purpose of subsidizing the cost to students of financial aid of ski and snowboard lessons at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl Ski School over Winter Term, including lessons that count toward a P.E. credit.

That, the process for the allocation of funds shall be as follows:

- Any student receiving financial aid will be eligible to apply.
- Students can apply for the Seizing Opportunities Fund scholarship towards PHED 0302 through Handshake.
- The applications will be reviewed by Miguel Fernández and funding will be allocated based on demonstrated need.

- Students on external scholarships will have an equal opportunity to apply for this scholarship. Funding for the expenses of their ski lessons will be coordinated by Miguel Fernandez. As per the Seizing Opportunities Fund policy, the funding may be drawn from other sources where possible to increase the efficacy of the scholarship for Middlebury students.

That, this expense shall be paid in only the 2018-2019 school year as a pilot run to demonstrate the efficacy of this scholarship.

That, further funding for this scholarship shall be coordinated by Miguel Fernandez and the pertinent members of the Middlebury College administration, contingent on the success of the pilot run.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Schurer, Sophomore Senator
Christian Kummer, First-Year Senator